जिले के जेवर ब्लाक के जवां नामक गांव के आस-पास के क्षेत्र में रहने वाले काले हिरणों की जानकारी है।

(ख) काला हिरन वन्यजीव (सुरक्षा अधिनियम, 1972 की अनुसूची-I में शामिल है और इसलिए इसके शिकार पर पूरा प्रतिबंध है। उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने चोरी-छिपे शिकार करने वाले व्यक्तियों द्वारा इन हिरनों को अवैध रूप से मारने से बचाने के लिए इस क्षेत्र में वन्यजीव कर्मचारियों की नियुक्ति की है।

Agreement of refuelling of U.S.A.F. planes

354. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement between the Government of India and the United States of America was made to refuel the U.S. War planes operating in recent Gulf War;

(b) if so, whether the above USAF planes were refuelled to attack Iraq during the period from January 9, 1991 to January 27, 1991; and

(c) the quantity of fuel provided to those planes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) No, Sir. Only transport aircraft were provided transit and refuelling facilities

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

Scheme for "Van Lagao-Rozi Kamao" in Himachal Pradesh

355. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the main features of the scheme "Van Lagao-Rozi Kamao" launched in the State of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the quantum of Central aid asked and provided to the State Government in implementation of the scheme;

(c) whether Central Government have impressed upon other State Governments to adopt the same scheme; and

(d) if so, the names of the States which have agreed to adopt such a scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) All the State Governments had been advised to involve village communities in regeneration of degraded forest land on usufruct sharing basis, in accordance with the guidelines issued on June, 1, 1990. No scheme as such has, however, been recommended to the State Government.

Government of Himachal Pradesh has also been advised that the "Van Lagao-Rozi Kamao" scheme should aim at securing involvement of village communities in regeneration of degraded forest lands in accordance with the stipulated guidelines. Details of the Scheme finalised by the Government of Himachal Pradesh have not, however, been received by the Central Government. The State Government has also not asked for any Central aid for the Scheme.

Proposal to charge toll tax from the users of National Highways and State Highways

356. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to charge toll tax from the users of National Highways and State Highways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the reaction of the concerned State Governments in this regard;

(d) what is the basis of charging the toll tax from the users and its distribution among various State Governments; and

(e) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI

KOTADIA): (a) and (b) Amendment of the National Highways Act, 1956 to enable the Government of India to charge fees for the use of selected stretches of National Highways with a view to augment budgetary resources for development and maintenance of National Highways in the country is under consideration.

(c) There has been no reaction from the State Governments.

(d) It is too early to indicate the basis of charging fees from the users of National Highways. Fees is to be ploughed back for development and maintenance of National Highways spread all over the country.

(e) The proposal to amend the National Highways Act is under process in consultation with the Ministry of Law & Justice.

Outlay for new National Highways during Eighth Five Year Plan

357. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV:
SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total outlay in eighth five year plan period for creating new National Highways in different parts of the country;

(b) what would be the share of Maharashtra in that plan;

(c) the number of proposals forwarded by Maharashtra Government for converting State highways into National Highways, especially in Marathwada region; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) The outlays for the Central Sector Road Development Programmes including new National Highways in the 8th Five Year Plan are yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government of Maharashtra has been projecting inclusion of eleven roads in the National Highways grid, which *inter alia* include three proposals criss-crossing the Marathwada region. However, it is not possible to take a general decision on declaration of new National Highways till the 8th Five Year Plan is finalised.

Refuelling at U.S. aircraft at Indian airports

358. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI G. G. SWELL:
SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had permitted refuelling of the U.S. Air Force transport aircraft engaged in Gulf War at Indian Airports; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the extent to which it was in consonance with India's declared policy not to take sides with any of the warring factions;

(c) whether it had sharp critical reaction from Iraq and other countries, if so, in what terms and what is Government's response thereto; and